

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 2199 for the following reasons:


House Bill 2199 is an attempt to give some statutory basis to certain rules and regulations which have generally been adopted by the Texas Antiquities Committee. I have always felt that excessive legislative involvement in the regulatory process of State agencies is a violation of the separation of powers between the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

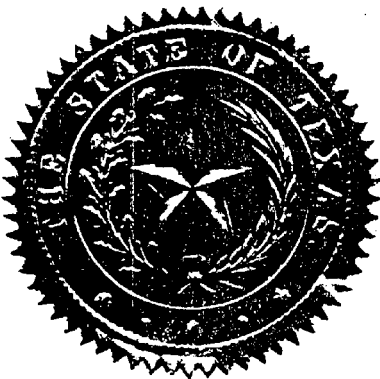
Further, as regards the specific rules and issues involved here, appropriate rules dealing with this subject were duly adopted this year. The Committee after considerable involvement of and consultation with the industries and other parties which would be affected by the rules, and in my opinion no additional action regarding these issues is merited until those rules have been in effect for a reasonable period of time.

Finally, the Texas Antiquities Committee will be subjected to the Texas Sunset Act review process during the legislative interim, prior to the Sixty-eighth Legislature, and unless re-established with or without changes, the Committee and the Texas Antiquities Code will be abolished effective August 31, 1983. Therefore, I do not think any further significant amendment to the Texas Antiquities Code or any change in membership of the Committee is warranted at this time. The opportunity for appropriate review of the provision of the Code best reside with the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission during the Commission's upcoming review of the Committee.

For these reasons, I hereby veto House Bill 2199.

Respectfully,


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Governor



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